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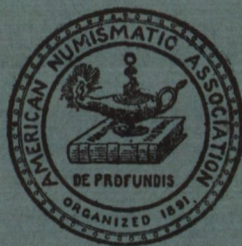
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Descriptive List of Obsolete Paper Money.

By D. C. WISMER, Hatfield, Pa.

PART I—Embracing the Circulating Notes Issued by State Banks, Private Banks, Bankers and Corporations.

Abbreviations R.—Right end illustration.
 C.—Central illustration on note.
 L.—Left end illustration.

(The publication of this list was begun June, 1922.)

MARYLAND (Continued).

BALTIMORE (Continued).

Farmers and Planters Bank.

- 115. \$1. C., female seated, supporting shield resting on cornucopia, steamboat, ship, etc., on left, head below. R., large figure 1 enclosing full-length female with sickle and grain. L., female portrait, 1 above, ONE below.
- 116. \$5. C., female holding a sickle, arm resting on a sheaf, cows on left, 5 each side. R., statue of Washington, FIVE below. L., FIVE across.
- 117. \$10. C., farmers mowing, X each side. R., female carrying sheaves, men reaping in distance, cattle and sheep in circle below. L., TEN across.
- 118. \$20. C., female seated on left of a shield, female standing on right, XX each side. R., farmer cradling grain, farmer plowing below. L., TWENTY across.
- 119. \$50. C., two men cradling grain, houses in distance, 50 on each side. R., men farming with two horses, houses in the distance, man plowing with two horses above. L., FIFTY across.
- 120. \$100. C., female seated holding a sickle, arm resting on a sheaf, 100 each side. R., farmer gathering corn, 100 below. L., ONE HUNDRED across.
- 121. \$500. C., female standing with a sheaf, another seated with a rake, shield with a plow on it, 500 each side. R., female churning. L., 500 across.
- 122. \$1000. C., two females flying in clouds, with wand, bag, wheat and sickle, 1000 each side. R., female holding a scroll, 1000 below. L., 1000 across.

Fell's Point Bank.

- 123. \$1. C., launching vessel, steamboat, city, etc. R., dog and safe, 1 above. L., ONE on 1 below, 1 above.

Fell's Point Savings Bank.

Fell's Point Savings Institution.

124. 25c. C., female feeding an eagle, medallion head each side. R. and L., Roman Senator, 25 above.
125. \$5. C., sailor with flag, shipping and warehouses in distance, 5 each side. R., female portrait, FIVE above and below. L., female with sword and scales, FIVE below.
126. \$5. C., two sailors, rope, anchor, barrel, boxes, sail and flag, vessels in distance. R., portrait of Washington, 5 above. L., portrait of Clay, 5 above.
127. \$10. C., 10. R., steamship sailing to right, 10 below. L., female standing with cornucopia of flowers on her shoulder, TEN below.
128. \$20. C., three men examining plans in a shipyard. R., female seated on a bale, 20 above. L., a brig under sail, 20 above.
129. \$20. C., female Indian holding pole and cap, and an eagle on right of American shield, two females on left with anchor, sickle and sheaf. R., female portrait, 20 above. L., portrait of Jefferson, 20 above.
130. \$50. C., female portrait. R., eagle on a shield, 50 above. L., ship sailing, steamship and other vessels in distance, 50 below.
131. \$50. C., ship and two schooners under sail, lighthouse and city in distance. R., sailor leaning against capstan, FIFTY above and below. L., portrait of Webster, 50 above.
132. \$100. C., Capitol at Washington. R., sailor holding a telescope and seated on a bale, capstan and vessel, 100 above. L., portrait of a child with hen and chickens in her arms, 100 above.

Foreign and Domestic Exchange Institution.

133. 12½c. Have no description.
134. 25c. Have no description.
135. 50c. C., 50. R., Ceres sitting, holding sheaf and sickle. L., CENTS, 50 above and below. June 18, 1840. Lith. Weber & Co., Balt.
136. \$1. Have no description.

Franklin Bank.

137. \$1. C., figure standing holding oval portrait of Franklin, ONE on die at right and left. R., across, 1 DOLLAR 1. L., across, 1 FRANKLIN BANK 1 in oval, 1 above and below.



No. 138.

138. \$5. C., Ceres reclining, with cornucopia and sheaf of wheat. R., portrait of Franklin, FIVE above. L., Liberty standing beside pedestal on which is a shield, 5 at her right.
139. \$5. C., white woman and three children on right of a shield, Indian squaw and child at left. R., milkmaid, 5 above. L., portrait of Franklin, 5 above, FIVE below.
140. \$10. C., milkmaid and cows, TEN at right, X at left. L., portrait of Franklin, TEN above and below.

141. \$20. C., oval portrait of Franklin, sailor pointing to distant ship seated at right, farmer with scythe reclining on left. R., 20, 20 on red die above. L., 20, XX on red die above.
142. \$20. C., female with quadrant, compass, etc., portrait of Franklin, on each side. R., vessel, 20 above and below. L., same as right.
143. \$50. C., 50 on red lathe-work. R., girl feeding chickens, 50 above. L., portrait of Franklin, 50 above.
144. \$50. C., Franklin, ship on each side. R., 50 above and below. L., same as right.
145. \$100. C., female representing Agriculture, eagle on each side. R., Franklin, 100 above and below. L., same as right.
146. \$100. C., portrait of Franklin, ONE HUNDRED on red frame below. R., female seated, mechanic and sailor standing behind her, 100 above. L., female scattering flowers, 100 above.
147. \$500. C., Franklin, 500 each side. R., female seated with a scroll, bridge and wagon in distance, 500 below. L., female seated, 500 below.
148. \$1000. C., Franklin, 1000 each side. R., three females in a group, grain, helmet, etc., 1000 below. L., same as right.

Franklin Railroad Company.

149. \$1. Have no description.

Hamilton Bank.

150. \$5. Have no description.

High Bridge Bank.



No. 151.

151. \$3. C., locomotive and cars. R. and L., 3 on dies, THREE between. Signed "A. Harris, Banker."

Howard Bank.

152. \$3. C., Indian with a dog.
153. \$5. C., two females seated on right of an oval male portrait, surmounted by an eagle, female with pole and cap seated on left. R., milkmaid, FIVE above. L., male portrait, 5 above, FIVE below.
154. \$10. C., portrait of Washington, female seated on each side, ships and reapers in distance. R., TEN on medallion head, X above. L., portrait of Clay, 10 above and below.
155. \$20. C., steamship under way, clipper ship at anchor. R., portrait of a sailor, 20 above. L., portrait of Webster, 20 above, TWENTY below.
156. \$50. C., female reclining against a chest, monument, etc., in front of her. R., blacksmith, anvil, forge, etc., 50 above. L., portrait of Franklin, 50 above.

157. \$100. C., ship and schooner under sail, ship at anchor, steamship and city in distance. R., portrait of Jackson, 100 above. L., half-length of female, 100 above.

Howard Street Savings Institution.

Isaac L. Nicholson and Company's Bank.

James H. Stone's Bank.

J. J. Nicholson and Company's Bank.

John H. Gittings and Company's Bank.

Johnston Brothers and Company's Bank.

Josiah Lee and Company's Bank (Failed in 1860).

Marine Bank of Baltimore.

158. 50c. 50 CENTS at right upper corner. L., FIFTY CENTS across. Type-set. May 9, 1815.
159. \$1. C., three women, ships in distance, etc., ONE on medallion head each side. R., man reclining, basket, rake, sheaf of wheat, etc., ONE above and below. L., medallion head, 1 above and below.
160. \$2. C., female, eagle on shield, etc. R., girl with sheaf of wheat, 2 above and below. L., medallion head, 2 above and below.
161. \$2. C., female seated on a rock, ships in distance, TWO on medallion head each side. R., female with rake, 2 above and below. L., female head, 2 above and below.
162. \$5. C., ornamental 5 and two females with trident and 5, cupid, scales, and eagle, sword and scales below, 5 each side. R., Justice, part of column, shield, anchor, etc., FIVE below. L., male portrait.
163. \$5. C., ship-of-war and merchant ship. R., two sailors on ship hauling on a rope, 5 on red ground above. L., portrait of a girl, 5 on a red die above.
164. \$10. C., an eagle holding a shield on a rock in the sea, a ship in distance on each side. R., a female seated leaning on a bale, 10 on a red die above. L., a sailor leaning on a capstan, barrel and bale, 10 on a red die above.
165. \$10. C., Neptune in a shell with trident, ship on right, X on medallion head each side. R., ship under sail, X above and below. L., sailor with flag, bales, etc., 10 above and below.
166. \$20. C., XX on 20. R., Arctic scene, Dr. Kane, men, dogs, boat, etc., 20 on red die above. L., half-length of a girl seated in a chair, TWENTY below.
167. \$20. C., sailor with flag, warehouses, bales, boxes, shipping, dock, etc., medallion head each side. R., medallion head, XX above and below. L., medallion head, 20 above and below.
168. \$20. C., warehouses, and shipping, 20 each side, whale boat and men, whale and ships between signatures. L., Hope seated beside anchor, ships in distance. TWENTY in red.
169. \$50. C., female seated with an anchor, shipping in distance, 50 on each side. R., 50 on medallion head, 50 above, FIFTY below. L., medallion head, 50 above and below.
170. \$50. C., female portrait, 50 below. R., anchor with bales of goods, 50 above. L., Hope, vessels in distance, 50 above.
171. \$100. C., female with a wand seated on a bale, shipping on left, 100 on medallion head each side. R., full-length figure of Lafayette. L., male portrait, 100 on medallion head above and below.
172. \$100. C., sailor with a flag, seated on a bale. C at left, ONE HUNDRED below. R., MARYLAND, eagle, 100 above and below. L., shipbuildnig, C above and below.

Marine Exchange Office of Baltimore.

- 172a. \$1. C., ship in full sail, 1 on die each side. R. and L., ONE across. Written date June 11, 1840. Capital, \$10,000.

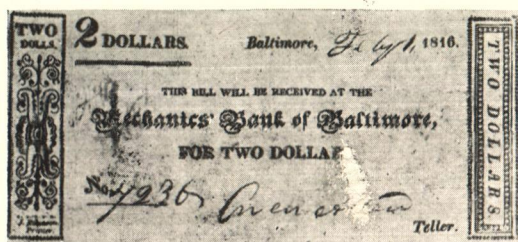
Maryland State Colonization Society.

173. 5c. C., bunch of tobacco leaves, 5 each side. R., FIVE CENTS across. L., FIVE across, 5 above and below. November, 1837.

Mechanics Bank.

174. \$2. C., carpenter sawing plank, II at right, 2 at left. R., II 2 II across. L., 2 TWO DOLLARS, 2 across. July 4, 1817.
 175. \$2. C., Ceres with cornucopia in the air, 2 on die at left. R., two cupids, 2 above and below. L., female figure, arm on easel, TWO above and below.

Mechanics Bank of Baltimore.



No. 175a.

- 175a. \$2. C., "2 Dollars. Baltimore, Feby. 1, 1816. This bill will be received at the Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore, for Two Dollars. Owen Allen, Teller. No. 7236." R., TWO DOLLARS across in square frame. L., ornament, TWO DOLLARS above. J. ROBINSON, PRINTER, below. Type-set. Excessively rare.
 176. \$3. Have no description.
 177. \$5. C., Washington penning his farewell address, 5 each side, Justice below. R., ship at sea, FIVE above, 5 below. L., blacksmith with implements, FIVE above, 5 below.
 178. \$5. C., man seated holding tablet, 5 each side. R., ship, 5 below. L., blacksmith, 5 below.
 179. \$10. C., ship carpenter at work, ships on the ways and distant shipping and city, 10 at left. R., ship, TEN above and below. L., two females supporting a large X.
 180. \$20. C., Archimedes supporting the world on a lever, cars and steamship in distance, 20 at left. R., female seated, sword, scales, eagle and safe, 20 above and below. L., mechanic seated.
 181. \$50. C., steamboat, men on boat, sloop on the right, 50 at each side. R., head of an Indian, 50 above and below. L., FIFTY across.
 182. \$50. C., steamship, city, etc., Indian head below, 50 each side. R., FIFTY across, 50 above. L., same as right.
 183. \$100. C., cars, factory, cow and dog, wheels below, C each side. R., 100 above and below. L., head of an Indian, 100 below.
 184. \$100. C., old-fashioned train of cars. R., train of cars crossing a bridge, 100 above and below. L., landscape, arched bridge in distance, 100 above and below.
 185. \$500. C., man seated, machinery, ships in distance on left, 500 each side. R., monument. L., railroad track and cut through a rock, 500 above and below.
 186. \$1000. C., female seated, her arm on a cog-wheel, the base and part of a column on left. R., car tracks, rocks, trees, etc., 1000 above and below. L., statue of Washington, 1000 above.

Mechanics Savings Fund.

187. 6¼c. C., ships and shore view. R. and L., 6¼, CENTS above and below. Sept. 1st, 1840.

188. 25c. C., steamboat, 25 at left. R. and L., 25, CENTS above and below. Sept., 1840.

McKim and Company's Bank.

Merchants Bank.

189. \$1. C., gunboats, ships and steamboat, 1 at right. R., Ceres standing with sickle and grain in hands, ONE below. L., female portrait, 1 above, ONE below. Jan. 6th, 1862.
190. \$2. R., two reapers. L., figure representing Mercury.
191. \$2. C., two females; coal train crossing bridge. R., female, 2 above and below. L., TWO above, 2 below.
192. \$2. Sixteen dots on upper border.
193. \$3. Locomotive and cars, bull's head at right.
194. \$5. C., female seated and receiving gold from Mercury flying in the clouds, griffin seated on a safe, 5 each side. R., vessel in a circle, FIVE above and below. L., vessels, city in distance, V above and below.
195. \$5. C., female reclining, anchor, bales, cornucopia, etc., 5 at right, V at left. R., V on FIVE DOLLARS across. L., 5 on FIVE across.
196. \$10. C., vignette same as No. 194, X each side. R., female seated, eagle and small portrait of Washington, 10 above and below. L., female seated, anchor, shield, etc., 10 above and below.
197. \$10. C., female seated, Phoenix upon a safe, Mercury approaching with a cornucopia of money, coin at side of female, 10 and X at left. R., weighing cotton bales, 10 above, X below. L., sail-or, barrel, shield, etc.
198. \$20. C., vignette same as No. 194, XX each side of vignette. R., vessel, 20 above and below. L., female with scales, eagle, shield, etc., 20 above and below.
199. \$20. C., vignette same as No. 197. R., 20 above. L., Justice seated, 20 above, TWENTY DOLLARS across extreme left.
200. \$50. C., vignette same as No. 194. L. each side. R., 50. L., cherub kneeling and marking on a rock, 50 above and below.
201. \$50. C., vignette same as No. 197. R., 50 above. L., 50 above and below, FIFTY DOLLARS across extreme left.
202. \$100. C., vignette same as No. 194, C each side. R. and L., 100.
203. \$100. C., vignette same as No. 197. R., C above, 100 below. L., sailor on bale and female with cornucopia, 100 above.
204. \$500. C., vignette same as No. 194, 500 each side. R. and L., 500 across.
205. \$500. C., D. R., 500. L., vignette same as No. 197, \$500 above.
205. \$1000. C., vignette same as No. 194, 1000 each side. R. and L., 1000 across.
207. \$1000. C., \$1,000, vignette same as No. 197, M at left. R., STATE OF MARYLAND across. L., 1000, ONE THOUSAND across.

Northern Central Railroad Company (The Baltimore and Susquehanna became a part of this line in 1854).

Nicholson and Brother's Bank.

Patapsco Savings Fund.

208. 6¼c. C., harbor with sailing vessels, 6¼ CTS in oval at right, 6¼ in square at left. R., old-style locomotive. L., eagle in octagon frame.
209. 12½c. C., State arms, 12½ each side. R., two females seated, 12½ above, CENTS below. L., horseman standing bareheaded with hands folded behind his back, a whip beneath his arm, has on riding shirt and riding boots, a dog at his side, 12½ above, CENTS below. Written date, Apr. 15, 1840.
210. 25c. C., water scene with men in rowboats, 25 on die each side. R. and L., blacksmith and helper, anvil and forge in oval, 25 above.

211. 50c. C., Mercury with caduceus sitting, sailing ship at left between 50 and 50 on dies. R., Ceres standing with inverted cornucopia, FIFTY below. L., Justice with scales, portrait of Washington in oval beside her, FIFTY below.
212. 50c. Have no description.
213. \$1. C., female seated with sword, pole and cap, representing Justice and Liberty, shield at her side, female seated, supporting a figure 1 on a die each side. R. and L., ONE, 1 on medallion head above and below.

Peoples Bank.

214. \$1. C., female reclining on bundle of wheat and plow. R., ONE on ornamental 1. L., half-length portrait of female.
215. \$5. C., train of cars coming to the left, bridge, village and hill in distance, FIVE in red below. R., cherub holding horn of plenty, 5 above, FIVE on 5 below. L., male portrait, 5 on red die above, FIVE on 5 below.
216. \$10. C., ship under sail, other vessels in distance, female portrait at right. R., large ornamental X, milkmaid on one side and a cow on the other, 10 above. L., 10 below. Small eagle between signatures.
217. \$20. C., one cow standing, another lying down, others in distance, horse looking over a fence. R., blacksmith at work at his anvil, 20 above. L., female seated with spear and American shield, 20 above.
218. \$50. C., a sailor, a female with sickle and grain, and a blacksmith with sledgehammer, all seated, city, bridge, vessels, etc., in distance. R., portrait of Washington, 50 above. L., mechanic at work holding a sifter in hand, 50 above.
219. \$100. C., farmer and girl standing at well, the farmer holding a pitchfork and cup, the girl holding a pitcher; barn, load of hay, etc., in distance. R., eagle in clouds holding arrows and olive branch, 100 below. L., portrait of Franklin, 100 above.

Philip Gover and Company's Bank.

Poultney's (Evan) Bank.

Purvis and Company's Bank.

Real Estate Bank.

Reisters-Town Turnpike Company.

220. 3c. Right upper center, 3 CENTS. Left upper center, No. 7170. R. and L., THREE CENTS across. Baltimore, January 27, 1816. Type-set. Signed by John F. Harris, Sec'y.

Samuel Harris and Sons' Bank.

Savings Bank of Baltimore.

S. L. Fowler and Bros.' Exchange Office.

221. 25c. R., steamship at sea. L., Ceres seated holding caduceus, U. S. shield at her side, 25 above, CENTS below.
222. 50c. C. and R., sailing ship, 50 on each side. L., man husking corn standing, CENTS above, 50 below. No. 999. Written date, Mar. 4, 1841.
223. \$1. C., stage coach with four horses going at a gallop, passenger train, steamboat, etc. R., ONE across. L., man seated raising his hat, 1 above.
224. \$2. C., wharf scene, sailing vessel, horses and drays, barrels, etc., ornamental 2 at left. R., TWO across. L., milkmaid sitting, TWO above and below.

Spurrier, Honeywell and Evans' Bank.

Susquehanna Bridge and Bank Company (Branch at Baltimore).

225. \$1. C., man plowing with four oxen hitched to a plow, 1 each side. R. and L., ONE on die across. Printed by C. P. Har'n.
226. \$5. C., steamboat, ship at wharf, and bridge, 5 each side, female bust between signatures. R., FIVE across. L., portrait of Franklin, 5 above and below.
227. \$5. Have no description.
228. \$10. C., three females seated, 10 each side. R., TEN across. L., man holding a stick, leaning against an ox, plow, TEN above and below.
229. \$10. Have no description.
230. \$20. C., female and child seated on a plow, reapers and mill in background. 20 each side. R., TWENTY across. L., 20, portrait of Penn above, portrait of Franklin below.
231. \$20. Have no description.
232. \$50. Have no description.

Tidewater Canal Company.

233. \$1. R., wharf scene, sailing vessels, men, horses and drays, etc., ornamental ONE below. L., view of canal, boat in tow, train in distance, in oval, ONE above and below.
234. \$2. Same as No. 233 except denomination.
235. \$3. Same as No. 233 except denomination.
- 235a. \$1. R., wharf scene, sailing vessels, men, horses and drays, etc., ornamental 1 below. L., view of canal, boat in tow, train in distance, in oval, ONE above and below.
236. \$2. Same as No. 235 except denomination.
237. \$3. Same as No. 235 except denomination.

T. J. Carson's Bank.**T. S. Benner and Company's Bank.**

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Thirteen-Real Pieces of Buccaneer Days.

In sending the following clipping from the New York Times of June 21, 1925, Mr. Henry Russell Drowne writes as follows:

"I don't think I have previously heard of any Spanish silver 13-real (two peso) pieces of the Buccaneer days. Can anybody furnish a specimen of this interesting coin for illustration?"

The article in the Times is by William A. Dupuy, and is entitled "Two-Dollar Bill Still Treasury's Jinx. Old Buccaneer Superstition Persists and Costs the Federal Government \$1,000,000 a Year." A part of the article follows:

The old superstition that the two-dollar bill is unlucky costs the Government \$1,000,000 a year. But for it the tax burden might be lightened to the extent of around 4,000 pounds of gold per annum. That is the exaction, in effect, the piratical Brethren of the Coast of earlier centuries levy upon us through a credulous fear they introduced into the mainland regarding certain "pieces of eight."

Of the manner in which the two-dollar superstition works here one finds enlightening evidence. In Canada, which is on a dollar currency basis, as is the United States, two-dollar bills are used. There is no superstition there against them. They fill a normal place in the currency scheme. For each 100 one-dollar bills in circulation there are thirty-six two-dollar bills.

In the United States two-dollar bills are also a part of the currency scheme. Here for every 100 one-dollar bills in circulation there are but eight two-dollar bills. Thus there are four and a half times as many two-dollar bills to each 100 one-dollar bills in Canada as in the United States. Yet it is in the United States only that they are not popular.

They have been avoided as ill-starred. He who sits in a game of chance

with a two-dollar bill in his pocket is thought to be saddled with a jinx. The only place where it is supposed to consort happily with Lady Luck is at the race track, where, strangely, it is relied on to bring good fortune.

How this notion of lucklessness came to be attached to this piece of paper money though backed by half of the gold of the world is a matter of folklore and surmise. The usual guess is that it originated in the South, among members of the dark race who carry rabbit feet in their pockets, roll the bones, and call loudly upon a mysterious all-powerful she known as "Big Liz from Boston."

It appears, however, that there is much more of the impressiveness of actual history back of this superstition that is interfering with Treasury activities today. I find ground for believing that the tearing off the corner of the two-dollar bills to break the jinx is connected with the days 200 years back when buccaneers sailed the Spanish Main and engaged in the stirring avocation of preying on Spain's galleon.

It is an interesting fact in our monetary past that the granddaddies of our dollars were the old Spanish "pieces of eight" of which much is recorded in romances of the Caribbean, as "Captain Blood" and the histories of the pirates. Spanish influence was strong in the early days of the Western world, especially about the Tropic of Cancer. In those days money was scant. There was only coin; paper money had not been made and the amount of hard money was limited largely to the amount of silver available. England was short of silver, while Spain had got the most of that which America yielded in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Spain had more coin than any other nation. Consequently in the early American colonies more pieces of eight were in use than English coins.

The colonists became accustomed to using pieces of eight and, because of this, we adopted a system of dollar currency instead of pounds and shillings. Pieces of eight were coins containing, properly, eight reales, or bits, but often degenerating to six reales. The Spanish-speaking peoples to the south still use the peso, or dollar, of eight reales. It is because of this that the 25-cent piece is, in Mexico, "dos reales" and along the border on the American side "two bits."

In the days of the Spanish Main there were other silver coins of 10 reales, 12 reales, and, finally, of 13 reales. This latter big silver coin was then equivalent to the English ten-shilling piece. It was \$2.

The buccaneers were suspicious of this silver two-dollar piece. It was thought to carry a jinx with it—because the number of reales in it was the "unlucky" thirteen. Their superstition pervaded the West Indies, and from there spread to the mainland and planted itself in Spanish Florida and French Louisiana and throughout the South. It has there survived all these years, and is still to be reckoned with.

The Treasury Department at Washington has been annoyed by the over-strong run on one-dollar bills. It looks as if, because of a mere superstition, they were being called upon to do their own work and that of the two-dollar bills also.

RUSSIA MINTING LARGE QUANTITY OF GOLD.

The following summary of the activities of the Russian Mint has been received by The Board of Trade Journal:

"The Leningrad Mint started minting a fresh batch of 4,000,000 gold chevrontsi on July 1. The productivity of the Mint has increased to such an extent that the whole order was carried out in a few days. The Leningrad Mint is now able to issue 1,800,000 coins daily. Up to April 11 126,500,000 rubles' worth of small silver coins had been minted, including the order for 20,000,000 rubles' worth executed in London. One hundred million rubles' worth of copper has already been put into circulation. Seven million rubles' worth of copper had been minted by the same date, of which 4,000,000 rubles is in circulation. The amount of paper currency of small denomination had decreased on April 11 from twenty-seven to seventeen million rubles. In view of the bulk and general inconvenience of copper coinage, the Commissariat of Finance proposes to issue a new coinage of five, three and two kopek values, composed of an alloy of bronze and other metals. The Leningrad Mint has been instructed to prepare various samples on the pattern of foreign coinage."—New York Times.

The Franklin Silk Company.

By WALDO C. MOORE.

While searching for material for the Franklin Silk write-up the author was reminded of the following bit of verse:

* * * then began
A clamor for the landlord's tale—
The story promised them of old,
They said, but always left untold;
And he, although a bashful man,
And all his courage seemed to fail,
Finding excuse of no avail,
Yielded; and thus the story ran.

To better appreciate the story of the currency of the Franklin Silk Company of Ohio, about which so great a stir has been made recently, it is very necessary to hark back to the ancient history belonging to the county of Portage. The name Portage was derived from the old Indian portage path of about seven miles in length, between the Cuyahoga and Tuscarawas, which was within the original Portage county limits.

Ere the woodman's ax resounded, sombre and silent was the ancient forest, which, during untold centuries, had overshadowed the hills and valleys of old Portage. Beauty and variety marked the plants which grew and bloomed beneath the leafy canopy of the gigantic trees. Hill and dale, lake and streamlet gave to the landscape variety and picturesque beauty.

Franklin township, comprising 16,000 acres in 1798, was bought for twelve and one-half cents an acre by Aaron Omstead, of Hartford, Conn. The first civil organization was effected in 1802 under the name of Franklin township, then embracing all the present Portage county and parts of Trumbull and Summit counties.



The spot of Brady's Leap, on the Cuyahoga River, a few hundred yards above the bridge at Kent.

As early as 1803 Benjamin Tappan, who later became the eminent Senator from Ohio, bridged the Cuyahoga near where Capt. Samuel Brady, the Daniel Boone of the Northeast, made his celebrated leap across the river when pursued by the Indians.

The first settlers of Portage county were the Haymaker family, a son of which, Frederick Haymaker, became the private secretary of Aaron Burr. The Haymakers, in 1807, put up a mill, and later purchased 600 acres on the present site of Kent.

In 1827 the spot now occupied by Kent contained two villages. They

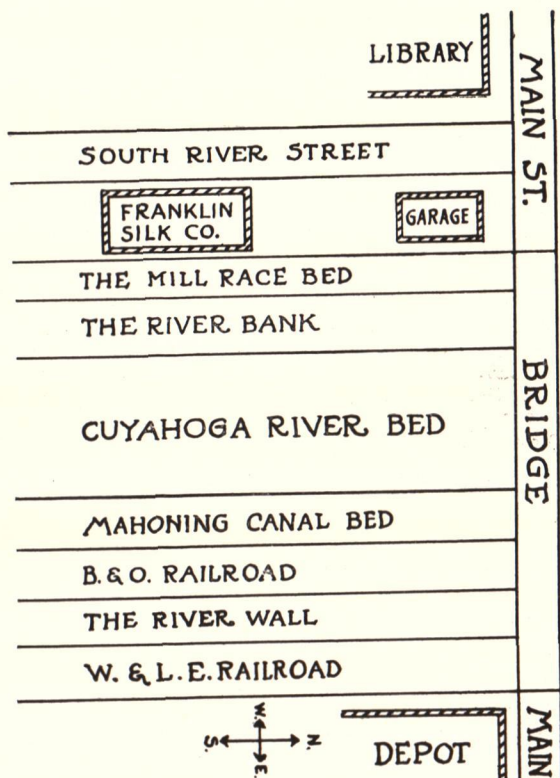
were known originally as Upper Village and Lower Village, but in addition the upper settlement bore the classic title Carthage, whilst the lower was Franklin Mills, the postal station. The name Carthage, however, died out, and until the present name, Kent, was adopted the villages were called Upper and Lower respectively, and Franklin Mills, collectively.

The villages languished until the completion of the Franklin and Warren Railroad. The great road was a conception of the brain of Marvin Kent, who early saw that the future would require a great thoroughfare to run diagonally across Ohio, and he ceased not his labors till he heard the whistle of the first passenger train of the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad as it approached Franklin Mills on the 7th day of March, 1863, in which year the name of the two villages was changed to Kent, in honor of the projector, executive and president of the now colossal railroad system.

John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame, was for a time a resident of Franklin Mills. In 1835 he built a house which he intended opening as a hotel, but failed in his venture.

Jesse R. Grant, father of General Grant, when a young man of about 23, carried on a tannery in Portage county and was a frequent visitor to the twin villages.

Franklin Mills, now Kent, situated on the Cleveland road, Cuyahoga river and Mahoning Canal, possessed natural advantages, the Cuyahoga having here two falls, one of seventeen and the other of twenty-five feet. In the era of speculation a large town was laid out here, great prices were paid for city lots, and in the event large quantities of shiplasters and broken bank notes changed hands.



Drawing showing the location of the building occupied by the Franklin Silk Company.

The Franklin Land Company in 1836 purchased of Zenas Kent et al., 300 acres, and the year following transferred its interests to a company in-

incorporated as the Franklin Silk Company, of which Zenas Kent was a stockholder. This company made great improvements. A fine stone dam and a wooden bridge were erected, near where now stands a more modern stone bridge that seemed to lay out a splendid future for Franklin Mills.

The Franklin Silk Company contracted with the canal company to build the dam, but, as the canal people, besides controlling the water at this point, were interested in the then rival town of Akron, they diverted nearly the entire volume of the Cuyahoga to their canal, ostensibly for navigation purposes, but really to furnish water-power to Akron. This was a terrible blow, as well as an outrage on the struggling yet plucky and enterprising people of the duplex settlements. The property of the Silk Company depreciated, it became embarrassed, their circulating notes were retired, and it finally went into insolvency. But, fortunately, by legal process and purchase, the property fell into the hands of a man whose ability was equal to the emergencies. This man was Zenas Kent, who did all in his power to revive the flagging interests and to recover from the effects consequent upon the loss of the water-power of the villages.



East or river front of the Franklin Silk Company factory, Kent, Ohio.

In a recent communication, a long-time resident of Kent, writes in part as follows: "We have just made a find of a little over 1000 sheets of old money. In 1836 the Franklin Silk Company was incorporated, having twenty-one incorporators, and a fine site on the Cuyahoga River was bought and a large five-story brick factory built. This is still standing. The small cut on the \$10 note, as well as on the \$1 and also the \$3, shows the site and the middle of the building. The company was to grow mulberry trees, import silkworms and do a large business, but the worms did not do well, so the business collapsed."

There is no evidence that any of the money was ever signed and used, so





further states the Kent communication. To the incorrectness of this statement the illustration herewith of the \$1 note will truthfully vouch. This bill is the serial B, and numbered 1438, and dated June 15, 1837, and duly signed by A. Baldwin, Agent, and Zenas Kent, President. The bill has seen considerable circulation, judging from its general appearance.

The entire issue of Franklin Silk notes, so far as known, consisted of the \$1, serial letters A, B; the \$2, serial A; the \$3, serial A; the \$5, serials A, B, C; the \$10, serial A. These notes were the product of the engraving firm of Rawdon, Wright & Hatch, New York. The same large factory scene as used on the \$1 note, also the \$2, of the Franklin Silk Company is to be found on a \$3 note circulated by the Bank of Clinton, Clinton, Michigan, dated January 25, 1837, the work of the same New York engravers.

In 1848 the realty of the Franklin Silk Company was sold to Henry A. and Marion Kent, who were for thirty-five years following engaged in promoting the interests of Kent. The Franklin Manufacturing Company was organized in 1851 for the purpose of manufacturing cotton, wool and flax. This company was, in reality formed for the purpose of holding the water-power of the Cuyahoga river at this point. The incorporators were Zenas, Charles and Marion Kent. In 1878 the factory was leased from the Kents by an association which inaugurated the manufacture of alpaca. At this date the buildings were some of the finest devoted to industry in the West-ern Reserve.

During the World War the factory was used by the Mason Tire and Rubber Company for the manufacture of rubber raincoats. The buildings at present are owned by the Harris Building Company and occupied by the L. N. Goss Company, manufacturers of shirt waists.

Medals of Columbus.

By MALCOLM STORER.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.)

183. Obv., A COLON EN EL IV CENTENARIO DEL DESGUBRIMIENTO DE AMERICA. Bare, bald, beardless bust to right. Rev., Hope in galley, guided by Faith, approaching New World, over which the sun is setting. Ex., 1492 1892. Gaz. num. fr. 1897, April.
184. Obv., CRISTOFORO COLOMBO. Three-quarters bust to right. Rev., Setting sun. Sea with ships in distance. Ex., 1492. Gaz. num. fr. 1897, April.
185. Obv., COLVMBVS DAY MASSACHVSETTS . OCTOBER 12, 1910. Arms of Massachusetts with QUIETAM in motto. Rev., Landing. At bottom, 1491-1910. Monogram of Archbishop O'Connell interlocked at back with figure on right. 75mm. Bronze. Composition. 25mm. Gilt. By Whitehead-Hoag Co.
186. Obv., In panel, bust of Columbus nearly facing. Below bust, COLUMBUS. To left of panel, a scroll on which 1492. To right, a scroll on which 1911. Below the panel, a shield with arms of Massachusetts backed by two U. S. flags. In rear to right, two caravels. To left, aeroplane over ocean greyhound. Rev., At top, between olive branches, a flaming torch. On scrolls at sides of torch, 1492 and 1892. Below torch COLUMBUS DAY MASSACHUSETTS OCTOBER 12 . 1911. At bottom, two crossed olive twigs. 32mm. Triangular. Composition.
187. Obv., CHRISTOPHORVS COLVMBVS. Bust one-quarter to left. Signed BIZZARI. Rev., MDCCCXCII . MDCCCXCIII. Ship at sea. Above, shield and flag of Spain. 130mm. Lead. Morchio Cat., 1901, Oct., No. 750.
188. Obv., As last but signed W A BIZZARI. Rev., As last. 120mm. Morchio Cat., 1908, Oct., No. 1154.
189. Obv., CRISTOFORO COLOMBO. Encircled by Indian clasping hand of Indian maiden. Rev., MDCCCCXCII. Destiny and seated Indian. Ex., MDCCCXCII.
190. Obv., On medallion supported by Indian and Columbia, CRISTOFORO COLUMBO. Bust three-quarters to left. Above the medallion a globe. Below, an eagle. Rev., Civilization floating in air to left with genii. Below, an Indian regarding her in amazement. Above, MDCCCXCII. Below, MDCCCXCIII. Border of shields. 95mm. Am. N. & A. S. Ex. 75. This medal, by Capucio and Polgliachi, is probably the same as the previous number.

191. Obv., CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. Bust. Signed JOHNSON. * MEMENTO OF THE WORLD'S FAIR * CHICAGO 1893. Rev. As last. 60mm.
192. Obv., CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS. Bust with cap one-quarter to right. Ex., 1492. Rev., Bird's-eye view of Fair. Ex., * 1892 *
193. Obv., 1492. CHRISTOPHER. COLUMBUS. 1892. 93. Draped bust to right with cap. Signed H ZEARING. Rev., 1892. DISCOVERY OF AMERICA : 1492. Caravel to left, three sails set on highly conventionalized lines. Ex., WORLD'S COLUMBIAN . EXPOSITION : . CHICAGO . . FOURTH : CENTENIAL (sic).
194. 45mm.
195. 21mm.
196. 17mm.
197. Obv., As last. Rev., Muled with Zearing's Lincoln.
198. Obv., ESPANA PATRIMONIO DE MARIA TODO POR MARIA The Virgin. Rev., 1892 TRICESIMO ANIVERSARIO DE LA FONDACION DE LA ACADEMIA B. MARIANA Y CUARTO CENTENARIO DEL DESCUBRIMIENTO DE AMERICA Gaz. num. fr. 1897, April.
- *199. Obv., On scroll, GENOA 1477 PALOS 1492 SAN SALVADOR 1492 CHICAGO 1893. Beardless bust, quarter to right on globe surrounded by U. S. eagle. Rev., 1893 COMMEMORATING MARYLANDS PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION. Arms of Maryland in circle of wild geese, ducks, terrapin, fruits, etc. On water, COPYRIGHT 1893 BY FRANK BROWN GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND. 44mm. White metal.
200. Obv., In triangular frame, bust of Columbus, nearly facing, surrounded by ornamental design. Across top, COLUMBUS. To left, MASSACHUSETTS. To right, OCTOBER 12, 1912. Rev., Arms of Massachusetts. 32mm. Triangular. Composition.
201. Obv., COLUMBUS IN SIGHT OF THE NEW WORLD. Three caravels. Ex., THE SANTA MARIA. Rev., Three buildings.
202. Obv., Head to right. Rev., Columbus erect before prostrate America. A "Schraub-medaille," by Solari.
203. Obv., Bust by Solera. Rev., Columbus hoisting sail at start. Num. Chron. 1837, p. 108.
204. Obv., COLUMBUS. Bearded bust nearly facing. Ex., 1492-1892. Rev., Columbus kneeling on shore with banner, followers to left, ship in sea. Am. N. & A. S. Ex. 117.
205. Obv., Bust to left with ruffle. Raised border. Rev., Landing. Boat to right.
206. Obv., CHRIST COLON. Bust to left in coat and chain without hat. Around are shields with names of sixteen countries of the Old World. Rev., Columbus taking possession of the New World. Around are shields and names of sixteen countries of the New World. 40mm. Silver.
207. Obv., Statue of Columbus. Ex., 1892-3. Rev., Landing. Above, buildings.
208. Obv., Exhibition. American eagle. Rev., Landing. 28mm.
209. Obv., WORLD'S FAIR. View of same on globe. Ex., SOUVENIR. Rev., Landing, on globe.
210. Obv., * THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION. Lauer's bust of Columbus, encircled by branches. Ex., * CHICAGO 1893. Rev., Statue of Liberty.
211. Obv., COLUMBUS DISCOVERING AMERICA 1492. Columbus kneeling on shore. Rev., Steamer dressed with flags. Soldier and sailor. Statue of Liberty. Am. N. & A. S. Ex. 114.
212. Obv., Columbus on stern of vessel. Rev., Tablet over buildings.
- *213. Obv., CHRISTOPHUS. COLUMBUS. Bearded half figure with ruff to right. Rev., Wreath of oak and laurel. 30mm. Brass.
214. Obv., ERECCION DE LA ESTATUA DEL IMMORTAL COLON COLOCADA SOBRE SU PEDESTAL EL DIA 19 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 1862. Statue, under which CARDENAS. Ex., REINDo Da YSABEL II. Signed J S D. Rev., Names of people in 13 lines. Silver. Duro I, 407.
215. Obv., * ERECCION DE LA ESTATUA DEL IMMORTAL COLON * COLOCADA . SOBRE . SU . PEDESTAL . EL . DIA . 19 D .

- NOVIEMBRA . DE . 1862. Statue, under which CARDENAS JSD. Ex., REINDo Da YSABEL II. Rev., Names of people in 18 lines. 45x55mm. Am. N. & A. S. Ex. 104.
216. Obv., COLUMBUS. Beardless bust to right. Rev., Blank. Brass.
217. Obv., Bust of Columbus rising from galley over sea. Rev., Blank. A badge. Am. N. & A. S. Ex. 110.
218. Obv., Bust three-quarters to right. Below, COLUMBUS. Rev., Blank. A pin. Am. N. & A. S. Ex. 90.
219. Obv., CHRISTOFORE COLOMBO 1492-1892. Columbus on ship. Rev., Blank. 41mm. Aluminum.
220. Obv., CRISTOBAL COLON. Lauer's bust. All in WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXHIBITION 1893 in sunken circle with oak above. Rev., Blank. 66mm.
221. Obv., WORLDS COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION CHICAGO ILL. 18 (view of buildings) 93. In center at top, bust of Columbus, bearded, nearly encircled by two heavy laurel branches. On each side, three buildings. Rev., Blank.
222. Obv., THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA 1492. Bust. WORLDS COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION CHICAGO 1892-93. Rev., Blank. 56mm. Hexagonal. Tin. Meili coll., 3836.
223. Obv., CHRISTOPHORO COLOMBO. Bust to right. Rev., Blank. Battenberg No. 7.
224. Obv., Seal of Boston. Rev., Blank. Ribbon, COLUMBUS DAY CITY OF BOSTON 1913 Bar, COMMITTEE.

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MINTING A MILLION IN GOLD COIN DAILY.

The United States mints are turning out about \$1,000,000 a day in gold coins, to go into circulation, it has been estimated by Wall Street bankers. The coins represent backing for large amounts of gold certificates issued by the Treasury.

When gold started pouring into the United States from all parts of the world the Treasury began putting the metal to use by issuing gold certificates. Under the law, at least one-third of the total of gold certificates must be represented by actual gold coins, so that nearly \$300,000,000 in coins must be in existence to form a backing for the \$870,564,000 outstanding bills. It is estimated that the mints at Philadelphia, Denver and San Francisco turned out \$180,000,000 in \$20 gold pieces, or "double eagles," in the first half of 1925.

The coins are minted so that the holder of a gold certificate, on demand, can obtain gold in a form in which he can use it. There are practically no gold coins in circulation in the United States. Before the war they formed the principal circulating medium in the West, but the custom was changed in the war and now all parts of the country find it more convenient to do business with paper money. The principal demand for gold coins now comes for directors' meetings and gifts.—New York Times.

MEXICAN PRIEST FINDS COINS IN A CELLAR.

Father Mateos, priest in the City of Orizaba, using a map given to him by a dying Mexican, discovered a hidden treasure consisting of several bags of Colonial coins with a number of manuscripts of early Colonial history. Following the map, the priest, with a friend, dug in the cellar of a private home and found the entrance of a tunnel where loot from the Spanish viceroy days was hidden. A number of valuable books of the oldest impressions made in Mexico, and Spanish coins were taken from the subterranean vault.

In spite of the efforts of the priest to maintain secrecy, the news of the find spread through Orizaba. Judicial authorities started an investigation finding the excavation, but the priest and his friend had fled. Orders were issued by the police of Mexico City to investigate the whereabouts of the priest, as the Government is now claiming ownership of the books.—New York Times.

ENGLAND'S SLANG TERMS FOR MONEY.

In two recent issues of this magazine we reprinted some of the slang names applied to money in the United States. It is doubtful if any one thing is known by a greater variety of slang terms than this one great necessity of life. The origin of some of the names is quite apparent. Others are difficult to understand.

But meaningless as many of them appear to be, we believe that, collectively, they are preferable to the terms used in England for the currency of that country, many of which are, however becoming obsolete, according to Bassett Digby, in a recent issue of the London Daily Mail, which follows:

Money slang has fallen upon evil days. I was quite startled recently when an omnibus conductor asked me if I had six coppers for a tizzy. A tizzy! Why, I have not heard that delightful word since I was a boy, when it was quite as often used in London as tanner. Now and again too, twenty or thirty years ago, a sixpenny bit used still to be known as a kick or a bender. Two or three decades before that it was a tester or a cripple, half a hog, a sow's baby, a pig, a fye-buck, or a lord of the manor. A buck, of course, is American slang for a dollar, and has been so for a long while.

A 5s. piece, in my young days, was still called a cartwheel, but no longer a taskeroon or a bull. How meagre is our slang for a shilling in these times. A mere bob. Yet at the time of the Crimean War bob was only one of a number of terms, such as twelver and breaky-leg, gen and tevis, stag, deaner, hog and levy.

One still says, "Oh, that put the kybosh on it!" meaning "knocked it on the head" or "rendered it impossible." Kybosh used to be the slang word for one-and-sixpence, but the amusing or dramatic incident that once brought it into the limelight—and the English argot—appears to have been quite forgotten.

The sovereign had a lot of slang names with seemingly equal chances of survival—a portrait, a yellow boy, a goldfinch, a canary, a james, a couter, a foot, a poona, a bean, a quid and a thick 'un; yet only the last two are now used.

At the other end of the scale, coppers has now become the most respectable of all modern money slang. Bishops and judges who would never ask the bookstall man at Waterloo to change a flimsy, a quid, a bob, or a tanner—let alone defile their dignified lips by requesting the courtesy of five tizzies for two-and-a-kick—have no hesitation about saying, "Oh, do you mind coppers?"

Coppers nowadays comprise both pence and ha'pence, but they used to mean only pence. If you wanted ha'pence you asked for browns or mags or poshes or raps. When you exclaim, in annoyance over some contretemps, that you don't care a rap, that rap, though you do not know it, is simply the slang word for a ha'penny in your grandfather's time.

For the word money itself, in Mid-Victorian England, actually more than 40 slang terms were in common use. Few are the survivors. Chink, tin, and dibbs survive merely in schools, those strongholds of conservatism. Rhino is seldom heard except in old-fashioned comic songs. Brass has retreated to the Midlands and the industrial North. The ready and the needful alone are pretty generally understood to mean money.

PREDICTS SALE OF 5,000,000 HALF DOLLARS.

The man who stood on London Bridge and tried to sell golden sovereigns for a shilling each deserved to fail. This, at least, is the verdict that would be passed against him by any up-to-the-minute salesman. The latter would price his sovereigns at two guineas each, and salesmanship would do the rest. There is involved something more than mere salesmanship (with its important concomitant, advertising) in the process of distributing the 5,000,000 Stone Mountain memorial half dollars at \$1 each. There is sentiment. But will sentiment double the value of these 50-cent pieces? What price sentiment? The question is difficult to answer accurately. But no answer is necessary. The organized selling plan which is being devised will fill the bill. If any one harbors a doubt, let him watch those 5,000,000 half dollars fade away.—Press Clipping.

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Editorial Comment—Numismatic News.

A MEMORIAL TO DR. GEORGE FRANCIS HEATH.

On July 13 a letter was sent to each member of the American Numismatic Association by President Wormser announcing that it is proposed by the A. N. A. to erect a suitable memorial upon the grave of Dr. George F. Heath, the founder of the A. N. A. and THE NUMISMATIST, and inviting subscriptions from members to a fund for the purpose. Dr. Heath is buried at Monroe, Mich., a short distance south of Detroit, where the latter years of his life were spent in the practice of his profession and where he founded the Association and published THE NUMISMATIST until his death, which occurred June 16, 1908.

The erection of such a memorial has been under consideration for several months by the officers of the A. N. A. and a few of the members who labored

with Dr. Heath in Association work for several years preceding his death. A few months ago a committee was appointed by President Wormser, consisting of A. C. Hutchinson, of Detroit; Dr. J. M. Henderson, of Columbus, Ohio, and Farran Zerbe, of Tyrone, Pa., who have been at work for some time on the plans.

Details of the memorial have not been made public, but it will probably be in keeping with the modest and unassuming character of the man whose last resting place it will mark. It is proposed to have the memorial in place by the time of the Detroit convention in August, and a memorial ceremony will take place at Monroe Sunday afternoon. It will not be a part of the convention program, but all members are invited to attend. Conveyance will be by street cars or automobiles.

Subscriptions to a fund not to exceed \$500 are asked by President Wormser in his letter. The plan of a popular subscription was adopted in the belief that a majority of the Association members would like to be directly connected with the erection of the memorial by a modest subscription.

TO OUR ADVERTISERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

In order that the editor of *The Numismatist* may attend the Detroit Convention of the A. N. A. it will be necessary to publish the September issue a few days earlier than usual. Advertisers and correspondents are requested to send in copy as early in the month as possible, as all forms will close August 15.

MEDAL FOR VICTOR EMANUEL'S REIGN OF 25 YEARS.

The establishment of Stefano Carlo Johnson, of Milan, Italy, has issued a medal commemorating the twenty-five years' reign of Victor Emanuel. The obverse has a portrait of the King in military uniform, flanked by the years 1900 and 1925.



The reverse has the following inscription in eight lines: "Vittorio Emanuele III in Venticinque Anni di Regno Diede Alla Patria le Naturali Frontiere l'Esempio Della Bonta del Dovero del Sacrificio." The medal is struck in bronze, with loop, and is size of illustration. J. deL.

NUMISMATICS AND THE A. N. A. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

THE NUMISMATIST for August, 1900, contained the following: "The Rival Antiquaries" (first installment); "The Study of Medals," by Robert Sneider; "Numismatic Freaks," by George W. Rice; "The Belgian Insurrection of 1790 and Its Coins"; "The Venezuelan-Columbian Medal."

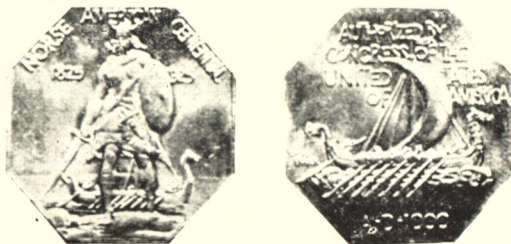
The department devoted to the A. N. A. is omitted in this issue.

Of interest to collectors of commemorative coins is the following from this issue: "From a late article in the New York World it seems that the stock of Lafayette dollars in this country is nearly exhausted, only about 1,000 being left. It is said that about 3,000 were taken to the Paris Exposition to be retailed at 25 francs, or \$5, each."

COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL FOR THE NORSE-AMERICAN CENTENNIAL.

Instead of the usual half dollar, a medal was authorized by Congress to commemorate the arrival of the first shipload of Norse immigrants to America, the anniversary of which was recently celebrated in Minnesota.

The obverse shows a full-length figure of a Norwegian Viking, with helmet, sword and breastplate, a Viking ship in the background. Above, "Norse American Centennial." The dates, "1825" "1925" are separated by the standing figure.



The reverse shows a larger Viking ship. Above, "Authorized by Congress of the United States of America." Below, "A. D. 1000." At left, "Opus Fraser."

The medal is octagonal in shape, is struck in silver, and is size of illustration. An issue of 40,000 was authorized.

GREAT AMERICAN RARITIES COME TO THE SURFACE.

Within the space of a week we received two letters, which show that, if the pieces are genuine, all the great American rarities have not yet found their way into the hands of collectors. The first one was from a young collector, as follows:

"I just recently came into possession of an 1838 O mint half dollar, which I am quite positive is genuine. With it I also got an 1853 O mint half dollar without arrows and rays, both coins almost in mint condition. Has the 1853 with arrows and rays got the O under the eagle? This one has. I have had it under a very powerful glass and cannot find any traces of the arrows and rays being taken off. Any plates of the 1853 with arrows and rays that I have do not show the mint mark O on the coin. I am under the impression that this is a genuine one. The gentleman that I purchased it from is a very reliable man and said he would guarantee it to be genuine and would refund the money at any time if I was dissatisfied."

The other is from a non-collector, as follows:

"I have, and have had for years, an American 1804 dollar in perfect condition. I was recommended to get in touch with you, as I wish to sell this coin, and if you have a client who is desirous of buying same I would be open for an offer. The coin is in perfect condition. I have seen two of the same date, and the condition of mine is far superior to any I have seen."

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF GREEK COIN HOARDS.

The student of ancient Greek coins will have a valuable addition to his library in "A Bibliography of Greek Coin Hoards," by Sydney P. Noe, which is No. 25 of the series of Numismatic Notes and Monographs, published by the American Numismatic Society, New York City.

The bibliography lists each hoard separately. First is given the actual or approximate place where found, with the date. Then the form in which it was found, which is almost invariable "Burial," and the number of coins it contained. The disposition of the coins is then given, followed by the bibliography on the particular hoard.

An index by mints and rulers is given, as well as a geographical index. The work contains 275 pages.

MEDAL COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER'S MARRIAGE.

Below is illustrated a medal recently struck commemorating the four hundredth anniversary on June 13, 1925, of the marriage of Dr. Martin Luther to Katherine von Bora.



A translation of the inscription on the reverse is: "To him who has been granted a virtuous wife, she is much nobler than priceless pearls."

The medal was designed by Prof. Rudolf Bosselt and is issued by Rudolf Kube, of Berlin, in bronze. Illustration is actual size.

COINS OF OUR YOUTH.

I've a friend, a coin collector, full of numismatic lore,
Who has issues of all countries, counts his rare ones by the score.
When he shows his Greeks and Romans 'tis a joy to hear him rave
About their classic beauty—what an aid to art they gave.

After finishing the ancients he comes to that later line—
Those quaint medieval pieces with their wonderful design.
He descants upon their gravure, then takes up the modern list,
And we view the fine examples till the time comes to desist.

But one thing I've often noted as he passed his coins to me;
I lay it to reminiscence, but 'twas always plain to see
That in spite of all his rarities he found a keener joy
In those far more common issues which he handled as a boy.

THEODORE J. VENN.

COINAGE FOR JUNE, 1925.

Following is the number of pieces of the different denominations coined at the mints of the United States during June, 1925, as officially reported by the Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D. C.:

Gold—Double Eagles, 601,000.

Silver—Standard Dollars, 150,000.

Bronze—One Cent, 9,438,000.

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The legal currency in Gambia consists of all English gold, silver, and bronze coins; British West African silver and alloy coins of 2s., 1s., 6d., and 3d.; British West African nickel-bronze coins of 1d. and ½d. There is no gold in circulation. The silver in circulation is very scarce, and as it comes into the banks is exported to England. British West African currency board's notes of 20s. and 10s. are in circulation.



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Changes of Address.

Frank T. Savage, from 167 Salina Street, Rochester, N. Y., to 1320 29th Street, San Diego, Cal.

S. E. Widen, from 64 S. Quaker Lane, Hartford, Conn., to 873 Park and Mountain Roads, West Hartford, Conn.

Thomas W. Voetter, from care American Consulate, Curacao, West Indies, to R. F. D. No. 6, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Frank L. Savickas, from 2201 West 22nd Street, Chicago, Ill., to 726 West 18th Street, Chicago, Ill.

George M. Ingram, from 1294 Chalmers Street, Detroit, Mich., to 309 S. Lakewood Ave., Detroit, Mich.

C. W. Kissinger, from 46 N. Sixth Street, Reading, Pa., to 329 N. Sixth Street, Reading, Pa.

L. R. Noyes, from Canton, N. C., to Lock Box 593, Akron, Ohio.

I wish to announce the death of Mr. R. Sarett, 1911 S. Albany Avenue, Chicago, Ill., June 12, 1925.

HARRY T. WILSON, General Secretary.

NOMINATIONS FOR A. N. A. OFFICERS.

The following nominations have been made:

For President—Moritz Wormser, Harry H. Yawger, Ludger Gravel.

For First Vice-President—Alden Scott Boyer, Chas. H. Fisher, Ludger Gravel.

For Second Vice-President—A. C. Hutchinson, Chas. H. Fisher.

For General Secretary—Harry T. Wilson.

For Treasurer—Geo. H. Blake.

For Librarian—Paul M. Lange.

For Chairman Board of Governors—Harry H. Yawger.

For Members Board of Governors—A. C. Hutchinson, Nelson T. Thorsen, Charles Markus, B. Max Mehl, Edward T. Newell, Waldo C. Moore.

HARRY T. WILSON,
General Secretary.

PAPERS WANTED FOR THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

Charles Markus, 1513 West Twelfth street, Davenport, Iowa, chairman of the Committee on Papers to be read at the Detroit Convention, sends out a last-minute call requesting that members prepare such papers and send to him without further delay. He states that responses to his former requests have not been as numerous as in preceding years.

The Detroit Convention of the A. N. A.

The average man requires very little argument to persuade him to take a vacation. Laying aside the worries and cares of his daily life for a couple of weeks in the summer and going to some place where he sees new faces and new surroundings has become a fixed habit in American life.

To get the most possible enjoyment out of those two brief weeks is the objective of every man, and many find such enjoyment in devoting at least a part of their vacation to the thing which holds their greatest interest in life aside from their daily occupation.

So, when we find that a goodly number of coin collectors prefer spending a part of their vacation attending an A. N. A. convention, we wonder why more of them do not avail themselves of the opportunity. At these conventions there is a numismatic atmosphere from the time the first member arrives until the last one departs. Everyone attending can enjoy the subject to the limit. He can see coins, he can talk coins, he can buy coins, he can sell coins, and he can mingle with a company of congenial men, each of whom is willing to exchange information.

But the numismatic side is not the only side to an A. N. A. convention. There are those who are so regular in their attendance that these conventions seem almost like annual family reunions. To relieve the strain on those who take the subject seriously, entertainment of various kinds is provided, all of which has the vacation element in it. By blending the numismatic side with the social side, an ideal vacation week is provided.

From August 21 to 27 the A. N. A. will be in annual convention in Detroit, Mich. The meeting will bring together collectors from many different States, most of whom consider it a part of their annual vacation. Whether you are an old-timer or a first-timer, the thing to do now, if you haven't already done so, is to secure a reservation at the Hotel Statler, which will be official headquarters and where all the activities will be centered.

No matter how early you arrive, you will probably find a few others ahead of you. If you are a first-timer and a stranger, and if you arrive before badges are given out, you will be able to identify A. N. A. members. You will probably see two or three groups of men about the hotel lobby, showing each other coins or notes. Introduce yourself to any of them and become one of them.

On Friday morning, August 21, the first thing you should do is to register with General Secretary Wilson. After this formality he will turn you over to the local committee, which will pin a badge on you and furnish you with the means to take in the various entertainments they will provide. After this is done you will be ready to install your exhibit, if you have brought one. If not, you will enjoy looking at the other install theirs. The exhibit room is a good place to study numismatic nature—likewise human nature.

Saturday will be get-acquainted day, and the morning will be devoted to installing exhibits of those who are a little late in arriving. You will also have a chance to get acquainted with Detroit. The local club has promised to show us a part of the city on other days, but there is a good deal to be seen in the city that one must look for himself.

Saturday evening we are scheduled to take a "trip abroad." This will be a trip across the river to Windsor, Ontario. No details of the trip have been furnished, except that it will conclude with a smoker at Hotel Prince Edward. Smokers are smokers, of course, the world over, but there are no dull moments at A. N. A. smokers. And this one, being held on Canadian soil, will be a little different, perhaps, from most of those of recent years.

No events are scheduled for Sunday, and unless something is arranged later an opportunity will be afforded to attend church services in the morning and to mingle with the crowd of visitors that is expected to view the exhibit in the afternoon.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings will be devoted to the business sessions. On Monday afternoon we will take a boat ride to Bob-Lo, one of Detroit's playgrounds. Monday evening will be dealers' night, when a good many coins are expected to change hands.

Tuesday afternoon there will be an auto ride about the city, which will include a visit to one of the Ford automobile plants. In the evening a theater party is on the program.

On Wednesday afternoon an auction sale of coins will be held by Henry Chapman, and in the evening a banquet will conclude the entertainment features.

All in all, it promises to be a hectic week. First of all, it should be remembered that Mr. Zerbe is expected to have on exhibition his collection of Money of the World, which has been shown all over the United States within the last few years. The exhibits of other members are expected to be up to the usual standard of excellence. The awarding of a prize for the best exhibit is expected to bring out some splendid displays of coins.

One of the enjoyable features of the Cleveland convention last year was a number of addresses by members giving their experiences while searching for coins in foreign lands. During the last year Mr. Newell again visited Europe, and Mr. Bauer combed the West Indies in search of rarities. Mr. Bauer's strong hold, of course, is the ancients. Whether he picked up any of these on his recent trip, or whether he had to be satisfied with a grip full of the cut and countermarked coins of the islands, has not been made public. Both he and Mr. Newell will probably relate their experiences at the convention. And perhaps Howard Newcomb will be willing to give some details of the first Detroit convention, held in 1894. Howard was a

mere lad then, and is probably the only surviving member of that convention. But he has a good memory and perhaps will be able to recall some of the features of one of the earliest of A. N. A. gatherings.

At all conventions there are a number of incidents, spontaneous in character, that add to the enjoyment of the occasion, and there is no reason to believe that the Detroit meeting will be an exception. The best plan is to be present. Then there will be no regrets.

THE A. N. A. MEMBERSHIP LIST BOOKLET.

The list of members of the A. N. A. in booklet form is now being printed and it is expected it will be ready for mailing by the middle of August. A copy will be sent to every member whose dues have been paid for 1925. The time for the publication of the booklet was set for July 1, but the tardiness of some of the members in renewing is responsible for the delay.

The booklet will be much more than a list of members. It will be a handbook of the A. N. A. Besides the list of members and their addresses and collecting specialties, it will contain the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, the contents of the Library and considerable data of the A. N. A. A number of pages will be devoted to advertisements of coin dealers and several of the local and branch numismatic societies. It will be a handy book for all members.

DELIVERY OF THE KING LINCOLN MEDAL DELAYED.

Through a combination of unfortunate circumstances, including the illness of the engraver and the breaking of two dies, the Lincoln medal being issued by Robert P. King, commemorating the publication of the King list of Lincoln medals in *THE NUMISMATIST*, February, 1924, has been delayed. It is confidently expected they will be ready for delivery in a few days—perhaps before this issue of the magazine reaches its readers.

The silver medals, of which only 25 were struck, have all been sold. Copies in bronze can still be obtained at \$1 each by addressing Robert P. King, Scott Building, Erie, Pa. All profits from the sale of the medal will be turned over to the A. N. A. coin collection fund.

Meetings of Numismatic Societies and Clubs.

BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—Ordinary Meeting, May 27th, 1925, Mr. Grant R. Francis, F.S.A., President, in the chair.

A vote of thanks was passed to these donors for presentations:

By Mr. Lionel L. Fletcher: Bronze plaque representing the seal of the Society enlarged.

By Messrs. Spink and Son, Limited: Bound copy of their Circular, vol. XXXII.

Exhibitions were as follows:

By Mr. George Hamilton Smith: Charles II half crown, shilling and sixpence of the first, and half crown of the third issues of the hammered coinage; milled half crowns of 1663 and 1673. The Reddite crown by Simon. Pattern crown of 1662 with plain edge. Pattern crown in gold by Roettiers, 1663, with plain edge. Pattern crown in gold by Roettiers with inscribed edge. Two pattern broads in silver, 1660. Pattern broad in gold, 1662. Hammered broad of the first issue, and three units. The Naval award in gold of 1665 in its contemporary case, being the identical medal presented by Charles II to his Chancellor, Lord Clarendon. It descended to the late Lady Rose S. M. Weigall, second daughter of the eleventh Earl of Westmoreland.

By Mr. J. O. Manton: Charles II broad in silver, 1660, with inscribed edge, laurel branch, and "Simon fecit." Broad in silver, 1662, by Simon. Charles I gold broad with mint-mark lys and portrait resembling that upon "The Juxton medal."

By Mr. H. W. Taffs: William III two shillings, dated 1697, differing on both obverse and reverse from the normal issue, especially in the arms on the reverse, where the lions are much smaller than usual—a variety not recorded.

Under the heading, "A Review of the Pattern Broad of Charles II," Dr. Ernest C. Carter described the five types of these issues, and showed that they were all from the hand of Thomas Simon. Their designs indicated that they were intended for currency, and a careful comparison of the weights of the different specimens, with and without lettered edges, suggested that at least two of the five types were patterns for gold coins of higher denomination than the broad. Historical evidence was forthcoming to support this suggestion; and it was again supported by the fact that the original intention materialized in the issue, in 1664 and 1668, of the two-guinea, and five-guinea pieces by Roettiers.

Dr. Carter, in illustration of his subject, exhibited a beautiful series of the coins he described.

ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—April 16. Percy H. Webb, Esq., M. B. E., Treasurer, in the chair.

Mr. Gilbert showed an aureus of Nero (Coh. 22) from his Ransom collection (Lot 14) and another of Hadrian (Coh. 406) from the same sale (Lot 24).

Mr. W. H. Valentine showed a large Chinese coin of the Emperor Shun-Ti, 1333-41.

Mr. Percy H. Webb read a paper on a find of coins of Aurelian to Carausius, made at Linchmere, in Sussex, in the autumn of 1924. The owners, Mrs. Hoyle and Miss F. E. Abbott, brought the complete find to the British Museum, where the reader had examined it. A fine selection had been made and generously presented by the two ladies to the Museum. More than half of the coins were of the reign of Carausius, and they threw a good deal of light on problems of the time. As there were no coins of the later period after the peace with Rome, we could now tell with certainty what issues belonged to the years A. D. 286-289. Prominent among these issues were the FO and L issues of London. Colchester is much less fully represented than London and had evidently not been striking long. There were no coins with the mint-mark RSR and no coins of Rouen. Rouen probably did not strike for Carausius till the middle of his reign, after his victory over the forces of Maximian. Almost all the coins in this hoard bore clear traces of original silver washing, proving, what had hitherto been less than certain, that Carausius followed the normal practice of his time in this respect. The mark XI, which appears on some four of the coins, possibly denoted that ten of them went to the aureus.

A discussion followed, in which Sir Charles Oman, Mr. F. A. Walters and Mr. H. Mattingly took part.

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB.—Regular meeting of the New York Numismatic Club held on Friday evening, June 13th, 1925, at 327 Fourth Avenue, New York City, President J. M. Swanson in the chair. Present: Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Wormser, Mr. and Mrs. Beesley, Messrs. Boyd, Robertson, Blake, Newell, Wood, Livingston, McCaughey and Miller. Mr. Elmer Sears visiting.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Wormser: 92 Danish gold coins and one presentation piece in platinum from dies of a gold coin, among them a large variety of special values; early gold gulden of 1536; ducats, double ducats, quintuple ducat, courant ducats, crowns and double crowns (one double crown equal to 1½ courant ducat, or 12 marks), double ducat and two different die varieties of rijder, showing the elephant; several thick double ducats of ducat dies, species ducat, a considerable series of Colonial ducats and double ducats of Fredericksborg and Christiansborg, portrait coins named after the ruler, as Christiansd'or and Fredericksd'or; three square gold pieces, half spectacle ducat, several varieties and sizes of the "Hebrew Ducat Series"—the exhibit representing each ruler beginning with Christian III.

Mr. Boyd: 40 silver and 3 gold coins of Annam.

Mr. Robertson: Medals of Luther, Haydn and Branting.

Mr. Wood: Stone Mountain half dollar; Maria Theresa dollar recently struck; award placquette of the Collectors' Club, designed by J. M. Swanson, and 2 Annamese coppers.

Mr. Newell: Stater of Mithradates VI, King of Pontus, struck in the fourth year at Pergamum; stater of Mithradates VI, but without his name; only one other specimen of this rare variety has been published; gold stater of Phariozous, struck at Olbia; one-third gold stater of Menelaus, brother of Ptolemy I of Egypt; of this rare coin also only one other specimen has been published; silver stater of Eminaiko, King in Thrace; smallest known silver coin (1/6 siglos) of the Achaemenid Kings of Persia; unusually fine specimen of the Judaea Capta aureus of Titus; aureus of Carinus, in brilliant proof condition, from a recent small hoard found at Aquileia.

The topic for the next meeting will be Siam and recent acquisitions.

Mr. Newell spoke briefly regarding his recent visit to Europe, and Mr. Wormser drew attention to the forthcoming convention of the A. N. A. at Detroit.

Mrs. Swanson moved that it would be fitting for this Club to send greetings and a bouquet to Mrs. Blake, who has been indisposed for some time. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned.—THOMAS S. MILLER, Secretary, 1156 Old Town Road, Dongan Hills, S. I., N. Y.

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB.—Regular meeting of the New York Numismatic Club, held on Friday evening, July 10th, 1925, at 327 Fourth Avenue, New York City, Mr. J. M. Swanson presiding. Present: Mr., Mrs. and Miss Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Wormser, Messrs. Livingston, McCaughey, Zerbe, Boyd, Newell, Robertson, Beesley, Montgomery and Miller.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Boyd: Various pieces of Siam, as follows: 8 pieces gold and 15 silver bullet money; 7 gold, 24 silver, 35 copper, 8 nickel and 5 tin coins; 5 silver medals, 6 copper and 1 silver boat money, and 1 piece gate money; 10 francs, 1 franc, 50 centimes and 25 centimes of Cambodia, 1860, struck in gold. 5 varieties of the 5 francs of Madagascar, 1883 and 1886, and 1 kiroto, 1888. Also a silver piece of a weight equaling 2 taels, presumed to have been struck by a Russian bank for use in Manchuria.

Mr. Beesley: A large collection of Siamese porcelain tokens and bullet money.

Mr. Wormser: Two large coronation medals of Siam; "Greenland dollars" of 1771 and 1777, and thick double krone of half krone size, 1693. Also 10 ducats, Ernst Schonenburg.

Mr. Robertson: A collection of medals of famous musicians, and three of Martin Luther. Also the rare Swedish riksdaler of Carl XI, 1676.

Mr. Newell: Silver tetradrachm of Antiochus III, struck in commemoration of his Indian conquests, hence the reverse type of an Indian elephant; gold stater of Ptolemy I of Egypt, with the reverse type of Alexander the Great in a triumphal chariot drawn by four elephants.

Mr. Boyd supported his exhibit with a long and very interesting paper on Siamese coinage. On motion made and unanimously carried, Mr. Boyd was thanked for his work, and it was decided that if satisfactory arrangements can be made the paper may be published in THE NUMISMATIST.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a life-membership subscription from Mr. Newell. On motion made, seconded and duly carried, the Treasurer was instructed to invest the proceeds of this subscription and re-invest the present principal of the Permanent Fund in such bonds as are reasonably safe, but which would return an income greater than the present investment; such investment and reinvestment is to be made subject to the approval of the President and the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Boyd moved, and Mrs. Swanson seconded, that Mr. Newell be appointed to represent this Club at the A. N. A. Convention next month.

The topic for the August meeting will be: "An exhibit of your own selection."

Mr. Farran Zerbe related some of his experiences—numismatic and otherwise—to the great enjoyment of the gathering.

Adjourned.—THOMAS S. MILLER, Secretary, 1156 Old Town Road, Dongan Hills, S. I., N. Y.

DETROIT COIN CLUB.—The Detroit Coin Club met at the Dime Bank, as usual, Thursday evening, July 2, 1925. Present were: Messrs. Allen, Andrews, Dworkowski, Helfrisch, Hoare, Hutchinson, Powell, Kutukian, Newcomb, Rapp and Watson.

Exhibits were made by the following:

Mr. Allen: English penny, Victoria, 1856, freak, incuse reverse; Trans-Mississippi medals; Prince Edward Island halfpenny, reverse, wheat sheaf with sickle, obverse, plough, "Commerce and Trade," date 1840, very good condition, R. 9; 15 piccioli, Malta, Emanuel De Rohan, 1796.

Mr. Dworkowski: Crown, Sigismund III, 1627; $\frac{2}{3}$ crown, Frederick August, 1744; crown, Frederick Christian, 1763.

Mr. Rapp: Thaler, Austria, Ferdinand III, 1648.

Mr. Newcomb: Collection of half cents, U. S. A., which contained all varieties known (excepting about half a dozen). Every specimen is sharp, uncirculated or proof, excepting five. It included the 1796, brilliant red proof; all dates in the 40s; two of 1811 are bright red; the unknown variety, original, 1831, proof, dark red; sharp proofs of 1807 and 1808, extremely rare in this condition. This collection also contained all rare number of the issue of 1804. Mr. Newcomb exhibited the proof copy of his new book, "U. S. Cents, Issues of 1801-2-3." It contains five plates of 36 images each. It gives numbers and descriptions of the cents of these years, including the most prominent die breaks. Small quarto. It will be ready for distribution at the A. N. A. Convention in August. The coins used for illustrations in this work will be on exhibition at that time.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 P. M.—A. C. HUTCHINSON, Secretary and Treasurer, 271 Lakewood Blvd., Detroit, Mich.

DETROIT COIN CLUB.—The Detroit Coin Club met on May 21 at the Dime Savings Bank Building. The members present were: Messrs. Allen, Andrews, Dworkowski, Grinnell, Hoare, Helfrisch, Hutchinson, Heath, Ruttmann, Rapp, Powell and Watson.

The exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Dworkowski: Consecration thaler of Bishop Augustus Weiss, 1770 (German).

Mr. Grinnell: Collection of Lincoln medals.

Mr. Hoare: Native Indian copper.

Mr. Heath: Collection of medals.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 P. M.—A. C. HUTCHINSON, Secretary and Treasurer, 271 Lakewood Blvd., Detroit, Mich.

NEW YORK JUNIOR NUMISMATIC CLUB.—Minutes of the regular meeting of the New York Junior Numismatic Club, held on Monday evening, May 11, 1925, at 1221 Fulton St., Brooklyn, New York City, 8.30 P. M. Present were Messrs. Schmidt, Condon, Stanicich, Fishburne, Novack and Klein.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion made by Mr. Condon, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, that the Secretary purchase necessary postage and stationery.

Mr. Novack announced that the subject for the next meeting will be "Coins of Charles IX of France."

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Fishburne: Collection of silver commemorative coins of the United States.

Mr. Klein: Washington medalets in silver, with differing reverses.

Mr. Francis Livingston, a member, donated a collection of Roman fourth bronzes.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Leo Steidel, 60 Jay Ave., Masspeth, Long Island.

Meeting adjourned 9.30 P. M.—ADOLPH KLEIN, Secretary-Treasurer, 6830 Ridge Blvd., Brooklyn, New York City.

NEW YORK JUNIOR NUMISMATIC CLUB.—Minutes of the regular meeting of the New York Junior Numismatic Club, held on Monday evening,

May 25, 1925, at 60 Jay Ave., Maspeth, Long Island, at 8 P. M. Present were Messrs. Jack Novack, Frank Condon, Trifone Stanicich, Paul and Leo Steidel.

Mr. Trifone Stanicich read a paper on the coinage and history of Charles IX of France.

Exhibits were as follows:

Leo Steidel: Set of copper and nickel coins of Turkey, 1923.

Jack Novack: Coins of Tyrol.

Frank Condon: Foreign silver.

Next meeting will be at the home of Frank Condon, 17 Van Buren St., Baldwin, Long Island.

Meeting adjourned 9.00 P. M.—LEO STEIDEL, Temporary Secretary, 60 Jay Ave., Maspeth, Long Island, N. Y.

SWEDISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY MEDAL, 1925.

The 1925 anniversary medal of the Swedish Numismatic Society bears on the obverse the profile of the well-known medal engraver, Adolf Lindberg. Above, "Adolf Lindberg, F. 1839, D. 1910."



The reverse has the usual design of the society, with the inscription, "Svenska Numismatiska Foreningens Arsmote 1925." The medal is designed by Erik Lindberg, son of the late Adolf Lindberg. (See THE NUMISMATIST, January, 1924, page 24.) J. deL.

REGARDING THE ORIGIN OF CHECKS.

In THE NUMISMATIST for July, on page 381, is an article on "The Origin of Checks." A check is an order on a bank, broker, banker or any other business institution or individual that has received money on deposit, and may be designated in early times as a note or order to pay or return money or anything of value placed on deposit for safe keeping. When these orders were first denominated as a check, or why, I do not know, but the check or order was the consequence or the necessary accompaniment of deposits. In the "History of the Bank of New York" there is illustrated a check dated the 24th day of August, 1784, and checks were used at the Bank of North America before the Bank of New York was opened, as the Bank of North America was chartered by the Continental Congress in 1781 and undoubtedly honored checks before the Bank of New York was opened. And it is rather odd that anyone should make the statement that checks had their beginning in England in 1793.

D. C. WISMER.

FOREIGN MEDAL ISSUES AND AWARDS.

Lincoln Ellsworth, the American explorer and financial backer of Capt. Roald Amundsen in the recent flight to the North Pole, is to be presented with a gold medal "for heroic deed."

The award will be made in recognition of Ellsworth's rescue of Oskar Omdahl and Lief Dietrichsen, other members of the expedition, when they were plunged into the Arctic waters by the parting of a lead in the ice.

J. deL.

THE GENERAL BALCK MEDAL.

This spring, on the eightieth birthday of General Balck, of Sweden, a deputation from various athletic organizations, headed by the Crown Prince, decided to strike a medal of the General and commissioned the well-known medal engraver, Mr. Erik Lindberg, for the design. At the meeting of the Central Foreningen the medal in gold was presented by the Crown Prince to the General.



The obverse shows General Balck's likeness in profile facing the right, with the inscription: "Viktor Balck 80 Ar," with the Stadium in the background. The reverse shows a female gymnast and an athlete binding a wreath with inscription, "Svensk Gymnastik Och Idrott Binda Din Segerkrans." In exergue, "Den 25 April 1924." J. deL.

COINAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1925.

Following is the number of pieces of the different denominations coined at the mints of the United States for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, as officially reported by the Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D. C.:

Gold—Double Eagles, 12,516,750.

Silver—Standard Dollars, 18,308,000; Half Dollars, Stone Mountain type, 2,314,709; Lexington-Concord type, 162,099; Quarter Dollars, 15,884,000; Dimes, 30,120,000.

Nickel—Five Cents, 15,879,000.

Bronze—One Cent, 95,259,000.

Coinage executed for other Governments:

Poland—Two Zloty, silver, 5,160,000.

Peru—Un Sol, silver, 253,000.

Guatemala—Quetzal, silver, 10,000.

Venezuela—Five Centimos, nickel, 2,000,000; 12½ Centimos, silver, 800,000.

Salvador—10 Centavos, nickel, 1,500,000; 5 centavos, nickel, 3,000,000.

CURRENCY IN NIGERIA.

The gold and silver coins of Great Britain are all legal tender in Nigeria, but they are seldom seen. The British West African silver coins of 2s., 1s., 6d., and 3d. are of the same weight and fineness as the similar coins used in Great Britain. This silver coinage is being withdrawn from circulation and shipped to Great Britain to be melted. The British West African alloy coins are of the following denominations: 2s., 1s., 6d., and 3d.; and the nickel-bronze coins are of the penny, one-half penny, and one-tenth penny denominations. The British West African currency notes are of the following denominations: £5, £1, 10s., 2s., 1s.; but the £5, 2s., and 1s. notes are being withdrawn. The currency notes of Great Britain are legal tender, but are seldom seen.

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